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Flag Day collections.

* 1657 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of Flag Day collections in this State in 1953 and 1954;

(*b*) the amount allotted to this State; and

(*c*) how it was utilized?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The amount collected for Flag Day, 1953, was Rs. 21,954–14–1 and for Flag Day, 1954, up to 21st February 1955 was Rs. 13,679–7–7;

" (*b*) The amount allotted for the year 1953 was Rs. 5,248. Allotment for the year 1954 has not yet been made;

" (*c*) The amount allotted has been utilized for granting financial assistance to deserving ex-servicemen and their families for maintenance, pocket money and transport charges to ex-service tuberculosis and leprosy patients, etc., lump sum free grants to disabled ex-servicemen and loans to deserving ex-servicemen."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM:—" Many of the ex-servicemen are not able to reap the benefits of this scheme. Will the Government give publicity through the District Collectors to every ex-serviceman to enjoy the benefits of this scheme?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" At present, ex-servicemen are very well aware of the existence of this Fund and the benefits they can get out of it."

Land reforms.

* 1658 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the report submitted by the Committee appointed by the Tamilnad Pradesh Congress to go into the question of agrarian reforms; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The report is being examined."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" Is it the policy of this Government to depend upon the reports submitted by the Party in power so as to enable them to bring in a comprehensive Land Reform Bill or will they give facilities for the voicing forth of other shades of public and political opinion before bringing in a Bill of that type?"